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FriendSpeak @ Tri-C

We've been continuing working with the **FriendSpeak** program every Monday and Thursday morning. It has been awesome to build relationships with the visiting scholars and international students that come into the Tri-C building to learn English and study the Bible. I love being able to provide a service by improving their English while also providing their much more vital need for Christ.

My regular reader's name is **Lily**. She is from China and a mother of two boys. She had to leave her husband and children back home in China and move to the US to continue her physics research in order to be a college professor when she returns in a year. I have so much respect for many of the international students' resolve to leave their homes and families for a long time and move to another country where they don't know the culture or the language. I am grateful to God that I can do the small part that I can understand a little of what they are going through so that I can be a friend and support however I can. It's amazing how God prepares us with our own unique stories and life experience to do what he calls us to.

Yard Sale

The youth group at Woodland West is planning a mission trip over the summer break to Equator.

To raise funds for the trip, the church put on a "Yard Sale."

However, due to uncertain weather, we had it all indoors. We set up tables all over the gym and loaded them with donated items to sell.

The youth group organized the event and helped all of the set up and take down. My team and I also helped organize items, count money, and any other job that needed getting done.

The yard sale was a great success! I was blow away by how well it went. We raised even more money that we predicted, which will be a great blessing to the church and the youth group.

I am super excited for their mission trip. It will be a great experience for them, and hopefully my team and I will be able to go with them.

Looking Forward

We have been meeting with Mike, our coordinator, weekly to study the Bible together, pray, plan future events, and many other logistical things.

Now we will also be working with him to develop our own Bible studies and devotionals. This will be really useful, not only right now but also for a long time in the future!

Verse of the Month

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.

Philippians 2:14-15

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Prayer Requests

Please keep me in your prayers as I am working on making plans for my future after the AIM program ends in August.
I am currently looking potential into colleges, jobs, and living arrangements for the coming school year. Pray that I will always act and live according to my faith and not my fear of the future.
Please pray that I will make good and wise decisions that are within God's plan and will bring Him the most glory.

Thanksgiving

During the Thanksgiving week my teammates were able to go home and visit family. I opted to stay in Arlington and was given the opportunity to house-sit and dog-sit for a family at church while they were traveling for the holiday.
For Thanksgiving Day, I was graciously invited by another family from church to join them.
I am so overabundantly blessed and provided for by God and his people. The Woodland West congregation is filled with so many kind, generous, and hospitable people.
I am surrounded by great examples of Christ's love.
I feel extremely blessed to be in Arlington, TX.

Lock In @ Tri-C

Throughout this semester I have been helping organize and plan various "**social nights**" at the Tri-C to develop closer bonds within the community of college students we interact with. We have had movie nights and board game nights and we have hosted events like a pumpkin painting party. To finish of November, we hosted a lock-in for our core group of college students.
There is really nothing that deepens friendships and forms memories among our age group like sleep deprivation, junk food, and extreme hide and seek!
We baked pizzas and cookies together, played sardines (a variant of hide-and-seek), watched movies, played video games, drew Zen-tangles, and many other activities to occupy us until we all surrendered to sleep at around 3:30ish in the morning!
There were about 12 of us in total, including Mrs. Cyndi Needels (one of the Tri-C ministers) who I want to give a major shout out to because she stayed up with us for the majority of the night and then cooked us a delicious homemade breakfast that morning!
All of the Tri-C ministers have such servant hearts and are awesome examples for me in my walk with God
This was an awesome opportunity because I feel like I made some breakthroughs with some of the college students going from acquaintances to friends, so I'm really excited when I think about the future working in the Tri-C at UTA!
I hope to continue to help put on activities like this so that we can keep the momentum and let God use our efforts in the amazing ways that only he can!

Thank you!

I am always overwhelmed with thankfulness when I think of all of y'all that read my newsletters, pray for me, or support me financially. You all are so generous, and I can't thank you enough for how you serve God in all the ways that you do! Thank you so much!